## GEN. HANCOCK.

Home.

BY EMILY THORNTON CHARLES.

and Bedloc's Islands.

was the bearer of introductory letters from Mr. | bill to re-establish them."

political campaign.

SANS PEUR ET SANS REPROCHE. later, inviting me, if I remained longer in the city, to call at his home again. As the barge It was on the day of Mr. Hendricks's death desultory conversation. Speaking of

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, he said that he had feared it was of too light place it securely, and he felt sure that every- interests of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. That thing possible would be done to make it durable. often laughed at his "Pennsylvania Dutch" will be seen, he had no intimation of his ap- nity for an interview relieved from the embar-

us to his home, and ushered us in among the | the 27th to the 29th, and spent both evenings lares and penates thereof-a two-story frame | in bed at my hotel, not going out at all, except tan-colored building, but little unlike a dozen | in a carriage for an hour or two to attend to others standing in line at nearly equi-distance, the business which called me there, it was imand forming a hollow square, or, rather, a deep possible for me to have the pleasure of seeing semi-circle, containing several acres of park, on | you. Since my return I have been confined to which they fronted. Entering a wide hall Gen. | the house with a temporary, but troublesome, Hancock took us to the double parlors on the indisposition. \* \* \* Concerning your book right, and excused himself for a few moments (Lyrical Poems), I would have said its price for it. while he read his dispatches. There was no | was \$2.50, or thereabouts. Nevertheless, send severe style about these beautiful rooms, noth- | me a copy at your leisure." ing indicative of love of display or grandeur, | The quaint and delicate specimen of chirogbut so many beautiful articles of vertu, such | raphy in his signature shows no tremor or ner- had existed between Jews and Samaritans. easy chairs, such harmonious blending of colors | yousness, and I shall ever prize it as one of the | The Jews would not recognize the Samaritans in ornaments and adornments, as indicated their latest signatures and a dear memento of a pessessors to be true lovers of the beautiful. great man traced by fingers that three days Upon Gen. Hancock's return, with an apology later were folded in death. The General had from Mrs. Hancock, who is an invalid, I spoke | told us that Mrs. Hancock's health was someof the lovely rooms, and mentioned having seen | what improved of late. Poor childless widow! the rooms of Gen. Siekles, which reminded one | How will she bear this affliction? of a scene in the "Arabian Nights," by their splender and the dainty taste therein exhibited. I had noticed that at Gen. Sickles's the candleabrum bears candles of red, white and blue wax -so well does he, who gave a limb for his coun- to get married. The young man handed the of mutual favors. try, love the National colors. Gen. Haucock thought it was a pretty conceit on the part of Gen. Sickles, and invited us to his office and sitting-room at the end of the hall to the left, what he supposed was the license was simply a have an interview with one who was in fact opening into the large front reception room, also on the left of the hall. Here, near a writing table in the center of the room, and between a cheerful fire in the open grate and a window overlooking the river, stood the General's disrobing. In an excited tone he yelled: favorite chair. Just to the left of this room was a small alcove room, of which the little grandson, then visiting his grandparents, had made a playroom, while the lines of toy soldiers on parade secmed to indicate the dawn of martial proclivities in this young scion of an illustrious house. After tendering us refreshments, the General dropped into his easy chair, and

A PLEASANT CHAT FOLLOWED, and, as usual in such instances, many subjects were lightly touched upon. When I expressed my regret at the result of the election in 1880, he said, "You know, do you not, that it was caused by a selling out in New York?" He did not speak at all bitterly, but as one only making a simple statement by way of explanation. I scarcely know how the next subject came up, but it was in regard to receiving and resenting affronts, and he was giving my companion quite | New York City. a little lecture on behavior, saying a good rule was to never allow oneself to think that a slight less it is thrust upon you."

never had personal experience in that direc- | well supplied with cash. tion. To which he replied: "Yes, it might seem strange; but I have observed a great deal." He added: "Then, too, a man in public life is always a subject for invidious attack. My way," he said, " has always been to settle any difficulty or disagreement on the spot or at | so's I wouldn't know what time you got home, once, if possible; then there is no sulking butabout it, and no gradge follows it."

THE BATTLEFIELD OF GETTYEBURG. I alluded to the conflicting statements as to whom the credit belonged for the selection of the site on which the battle was fought, and the conduct of the same, and inquired whether he did not think he ought to write an article on the subject? Upon this he replied, in the same serious and thoughtful strain, that there had been many misstatements made, and, undoubledly, these misstatements had been the means of gratifying ambition and of making persons famous in history who did not so appear on the battlefield; "but," said he, "while I believe history should be correct and exact in its facts, yet I would not like to be the one to unvail its inaccuracies or disturb the serenity of those who are made happy thereby; though," he added gravely, "the time may come when I shall be obliged to make a statement. The war history can never be properly recorded without hurting some one's feelings, without

"Then, dear General," I responded, "who can write it properly? It seems to me that all prominent actors therein should make statements. Then history might be written that is composed of the added and corroborative testi-

causing some bitter heart-pangs, until all who

participated in its struggles are dead."

I would hate to see the pride wounded of any of our brave men by having the credit that suffered intensely with the same disease. I has awarded them for glorious deeds, can-

Through the entire interview I was struck by his consideration for the feelings of others, as evidenced in the above remarks. I asked if he had seen the famous painting of the Getnot as yet, but he understood that they had | gists. the animal he rode depicted "a gray horse of another color." Then, changing the subject, I spoke of the pictures of him used in the campaign, and that they made him appear so very fleshy. He laughed as he remarked that previous to his nomination he had not sat for a | G. A. R. Catalogue. picture in fifteen years, so the newspapers took

what old pictures they could find, and all sorts of ones appeared.

He then alluded to the Eden Musee, which he noticed advertised his full-length representation in wax. I asked if he had seen it, and he replied no; that he had no desire to see it. in His They did not ask his permission to place him thus on exhibition, he said, though, for that matter, had they done so he could scarcely have refused. I broached the subject of the

GENERALSHIP OF THE ARMY. Asking him if it did not seem unjust to army officers that the title should be abolished, and that after the death or retirement of Gen. Sheri-"Can you tell me whether Gen. Hancock is | dan there should be no further promotions in on the island to-day," I asked of the Sergeant | rank and title, so that it might even be a quesstationed at the Governor's Island Barge Office | tion some time as to who was the ranking offione bright day in November last. "There he | cer among the Major-Generals, and no one stands-that is Gen. Hancock," replied the sol- | would appear to stand and be generally known dier in a low tone of voice, indicating the direc- as the officer at the head of the Army, "This tion with a glance of the eye. I turned and | subject," said Gen. Hancock, "admits of much saw a tail and handsome gentleman leaning in | argument, pro and con, and there are many a graceful yet carcless attitude against the rail- | features I would like to discuss were it not that ing, a cigar in his hand, while his eye roved | the question comes too near to me as the rankover the scenery of river and floating craft and | ing officer, and so I must refrain from expressislands, that seem almost to be floating also, as | ing views that would lose force by not appearone surveys from the water Staten, Governor's | ing to emanate from a disinterested source. It | place in Canaan. Afterward it fell into the can be done, of course, only in one way. As I had taken a somewhat active interest in | Congress created the offices of General and the campaign of 1830, and at the request of Mr. | Lieutenant-General and Congress abolished English had written the campaign songs, and them, Congress alone has the power to pass a

Hendricks, ex-United States Senator McDonald | As we re-entered the parlor preparatory to and others, and had been most desirous of meet- taking our departure, I noticed portraits of two ing and conversing with Gen. Hancock. My | beautiful girls. I asked the General who they wish had been expressed to him by a member | represented, and he said the one above the of his staff, and he had pleasantly responded, | mantle-a lovely maiden, with dark tresses saying he would be glad to see me at any time. | and expressive eyes-was that of Mrs. Hancock | I shall not soon forget my impressions, as, hear- at the age of 18. To the left of this hung a ing his name spoken, and seeing that I took a portrait, nearly life-size, of Gen. Hancock's only actually dug the one at Shechem. It is nine step toward him, he threw away his cigar and daughter, who died at the age of 19. The portrait, which was painted after her death, Clad in civilian attire whose fit outlined a showed a fair-haired, blue-eyed, and spirtall figure, perfectly proportioned, and without | ituelle-looking girl, attired in robe of gauzy supefluous flesh, his clear blue eyes lit up white, embroidered in delicate lace pattern. with expression. His complexion seemed fair as Her left arm hung negligently by her side, that of a child, except for the gray-almost and in her hand was a rosebud. Standing bewhite-mustache covering the lip. His bearing | fore it the General told us something of her was erect and soldierly, and the straight young life, and said that when the artist brimmed military hat I noticed was banded | painted the picture the bud was placed upright with deep mourning. Thus appeared the great | in her hand; but her father said it was unlike political leader and brave officer who even her way, and he had the painter erase and repassed through the trials and warfare of the verse the position of the resebud, which now droops downward, and the General said it is more typical and symbolical of her, as she was by nature always sad, gentle and drooping. As Upon my presenting my card he greefed both | we left the room he pointed out a picture of his myself and companion most cordially, regret- only son, who died recently in the South at the ting his absence from the city on the occasion | age of 33; and I remembered the recent sorrow of my former visit to the Island, and said: "I | that had come to the father's heart, and the was going to write you to day to tell you of my | mourning badge on the military hat, even as return." Said I: "Then, General, I am almost | at that instant the morry laugh of his only sorry I came to-day, for I should have prized | male descendant, the little grandson, echoed the letter." I feel sure that remark of mine | through the hall. And with a cordial handwas the cause of his writing me a letter 10 days | clasp and an invitation to call again, Gen.

was now ready to start the General invited us that the above-mentioned visit to Gen. Hancock to take scats therein and accompany him to the | was made, and the telegram notifying him of Island, which we did, all the while keeping up a | that event must have reached him soon after we left. I never saw Gen. Hancock again; but, learning that he was in Washington on the 28th, I wrote a note saying that if he remained structure to withstand the action of the elements; that no expense should be spared to ceive me, I would like to interview him in the

Speaking of the dialects of our country, Gen. dated back some little time is evidenced by the but Christ chanced at the well at that very Hancock said he thought he could tell what letter I received from Gen. Hancock in reply, hour when the Samaritan woman approached State anyone came from, after hearing the per- which is dated from Governor's Island Feb. 6, She did not come before the five Disciples had son talk a few minutes, adding that his friends only three days preceding his death, when, as gone into the city, leaving Christ the opportuproaching dissolution. In his letter he says: Arriving at the island, the General escorted | "As I only remained in Washington from

Were They Married?

woman at Wapella who appeared before a justice familiar, social, hospitable relations, admitting cheap. Address—
THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, justice what he thought was the marriage | The woman seemed quite offended. Our license, and the ceremony was proceeded with. Savior attempts to show her that she should, Arriving at home the justice discovered that on the other hand, consider it a great honor to pedigree of a bull. As fast as his legs would the Messiah; that instead of granting a favor married couple. The young lady had already retired, and the young man was in the act of disrobing. In an excited tone he yelled: carry him he ran to the home of the newly- to him, she should rather have been the one to You are not married! You gave me the wrong | was the gift. (V. 10. Compare, 3:16.) Salvalicense." When the matter was explained the tion through him is living water. Then Christ, young man dressed himself again, and cursing | seemingly to rebuke her refusal to give him his stupidity for presenting a registered bull water when he asked for it, says, if you asked certificate instead of a marriage license, he me for the "living water" I would not do as certificate instead of a marriage license, he bade his intended bride good-night and went | you do about the mere water from the well, away sorrowfully. The next day the certificate was found, the ceremony was performed over again, and happiness reigns in that household.

One Fool Who Advertises. The following highly figurative advertisement is clipped from a San Francisco paper: YOUNG LADIES-THESEUS IN THE LABY-I RINTH is struggling for life with Minotaurus. What classical and wealthy young woman will be his Ariadne? Address ARIADNE, P. O. Box 714,

follows: Theseus is a young counter-hopper in to give away? And if he referred to wellor insult is intended. "A great many persons," a dry goods shop, whose fruitless efforts to sup- | water, he had no bucket or cord. She surmised said he, "make themselves unhappy through | port the reputation of a rollicking ram on a | his claim to miracle power, and hence his claim life by always seeing imaginary affronts where | salary of \$8 per week have involved him in a | to superiority over Jacob. no offense is intended; by misconstruing some labyrinth of financial embarrassment. The trivial word or act, and by implying motives | Minotaur with whom he is engaged in deadly that do not exist." Said the General: "Bear grapple is presumably Mr. Solomon Abrahams. to grasp an idea, began to get our Savior's yourself on all occasions as though you did not | Why Theseus should insist that the fair thought. By living water we mean the graces deem it possible that any one would intention. | Ariadne who is to extricate him from the laby. | of the Holy Spirit. It is like water from livally slight you, and never take an affront un- | rinth with a golden clew shall be classical as The young lady suggested that it seemed | it may safely be taken for granted that he will | strange that he should have given any con- | not lay too much stress upon this point, prosideration to this subject, as surely he had vided that the young woman is sufficiently

A New Excuse.

[Judge.] Waiting Wife: Now you just thought you'd sneak up stairs with your shoes in your hand

Surprised Husband (interrupting): No, no, As Gen. Hancock had but a few days before my dear; ye see the car men all struck and the walk home blistered my feet so I had to take

Legally Equipped.

Uncle Rastus (to lawyer): "I heah, sah, dat infidelity am suffishunt groun's fo' divo'ce." Lawver: "Yes, if you can prove it." Uncle Rastus: "I kin prove it. Make outten

haint bin ter chu'ch in foah months, sah." Three Men at the Same Bird.

The man with the iron jaw enters a restaurant and calls for chicken. " Waiter!" he cries, " I don't like this bird. It's so tough I can't get my teeth through it."

> The Dessert. [Judge.]

have said within the hour."

Mistress to New Servant: Bridget, where is the dessert? Bridget (glowing with pride): Ther dessert mum? It's in Afriky or Egypt. The tacher alwas called me a foine lump ov a scholar.

Gen. John A. Logan.

U. S. Senator from Illinois, writes: "Some "Perhaps you are right," he responded; "but | years ago I was troubled more or less with rheumatism, and have, within the last year or so, began to take 'Durang's Rheumatic Remedy,' and am thoroughly satisfied that I have been cured by its use. I do not hesitate to recommend it."

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SUNDAY MEDITATION.

Practical Duties Taught by a Study of the International Sanday School Lesson Appointed for May 2. St. John, 4:5-26. [One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as indicated above.]

Our study now is of Christ's conversation cided to go to Galilee. Samaria was one of the Palestine. It lay between Judea and Galilee. Jesus could have reached the northern province but evidently it was his purpose to meet the woman at the well and serve her spiritually. Christ was accompanied by his five Disciplespasian named it Neapolis, and so it was known as Naplouse and Nablus. It was 37 miles north of Jerusalem. It was Abram's first stopping tribe of Ephraim. It is also called Shechem or Sichem. It was one of the cities of refuge. The bones of Joseph were buried there. (Jos., 24:32.) It is said the valley of Shechem is the paradise of Palestine.

From the Hebrew of Gen., 48: 22, we find the portion" given by Jacob to Joseph was Shechem, since the very word for "portion" is, in the Hebrew language, Shechem. An important need of every section is water. It was common, whenever it was purposed to make any long stay, to dig a well. It is supposed Jacob feet in diameter and about 100 feet deep, cut out from the solid rock. The hewn sides are regular and smooth. It is at the base of Mt. Gerizim, about one and a half miles from Shechem. The top is covered with one large, flat stone, through the center of which is an aperture large enough to admit a man. Several successive chapels have been built over it, one by Irene. Time and the Arabs have destroyed all these. So the well-top is surrounded by loose stones once buildings over the memorable spot. The water is not perennial, but dependent on seasons of the year. This accounts for the fact some travelers report no water and others state quite a large number of feet of water. There is a tradition that it is dry, except on the anniversary day of the interview between Christ and the woman. There is a special interest attaching to this well, since it is the only locality on earth where we can fix with exactness a spot and say with certainty Christ was once right there. Within a limited, small circle we are able to declare with sureness our Savior there stood, sat, talked.

Christ had been traveling and was weary, or, as the Greek has it, was beaten out, thoroughly tired. It is believed he was not very strong.

(Isa, 53:2; Mark, 15:21, 44.) He "sat thus"

(that is to say, fatigued) "on the well" curb. It was the sixth hour. Some hold, St. John used the Roman method of dividing the day, and teach it was 6 o'clock p. m. This was the time of the day when women used to go forth for water. (Gen., 24:11) Most compared to the sixth of the day when women used to go forth for water. water. (Gen., 24: 11.) Most commentators think we are to understand the Jewish sixth

hour, which was noon. There are wonderful coincidences. It was | The National Tribune for one year and The unusual for a woman to be at the well at noon, rassment of the presence of others. The disciples probably carried a cord on purpose to draw water from wells, but at that time they took it with them, giving Christ an excuse for asking the woman to give him a drink. There is a Roman tradition that the name of the woman was Photina.

The woman observed Christ was a Jew, and that probably from his features, apparel, and dialect. For many centuries bitter feelings note engraving. A vignet of Lincoln on the left as Israelites. Then when the temple was being repaired at Jerusalem the Samaritans constantly annoyed the Jews. But Samaritans wounds, and other facts of his military history, it had many things in common with Israelitespriests, a temple, the pentateuch, expectation of the Messiah, etc. Yet the relations of the two were distant. They mutually despised any address for a club of 10 subscribers to The NATIONAL TRIBUNE; or we will send it and THE The Clinton Public tells of a young man and each. (V. 8.) By "dealings" we understand

had known the facts in the case she would have "Hold on there! Put on your clothes again! sought him and his religious instruction. He Thousands of Comrades are Wearing Them. refuse it, but I would give it to you cheerfully Now follows her reply in Vs. 11, 12. Tholuck regards the answer saucy. Meyer says: "The woman treats the enigmatical word of Christ at first as Nicodemus does, (3:4,) but more thoughtfully, and at the same time more pertly. and with feminine readiness of speech." She was evidently a woman of dexterous humor, bright mind, and rather vivacious manner. We hardly think her impertinent. The idea of the hardly think her impertinent. The idea of the Messiah under the figure of a well, or water, of jewelry that has yet been devised. was new. If he referred to material water, The solution of this metaphor is probably as | why ask her for a drink while he had quantities

We know of what Christ spoke; and, indeed, after the explanation the woman, who was quick ing springs, which never stagnates as does that well as wealthy is somewhat mysterious, but standing in cisterns. (Ps., 36:8; 41:17, 18; Jer., 2:13.) Earthly joy imparts only temporary pleasure; salvation is a source of eternal

We now notice several practical hints: water at wells, resting from weariness, anywhere, everywhere, to introduce Christ. 2. This lesson is an inkling of the outstretch into cosmopolitanism and humanity to be taken by Christ's religion. Even then the Savior had an outlook toward the Gentiles. Water was an

emblem of the freeness of salvation. Hence missions. 3. Seek a thorough knowledge of Christ's person and mission. Do not be obliged to labor under such misapprehension of him as did the woman at the well. (V. 9.) Ignorance as to Christ and Christianity leads to many errors and much loss of happiness. 4. Cultivate kindness. Do favors. Christ

yet in the persons of needy ones is saying: Give Me to drink." Give cups of cold water, do papers at wunce. Dat 'old 'coman o' mine and be sure God will not forget your kindness. Have dealings with the poor; extend courtesies; and give drink to the heathen. 5. Go to Christ for comfort in every trial.

He knows what it is to be weary, hungry, too poor to ride. He can be touched by our cares, for he felt the same. 6. Be Christians. You will thus have a con-"Yes, sir. That's what two other gentlemen | tinual source of happiness. 7. Be Christians continually. Never grow

stagnant. Let religion be ever springing up in

you as a living fountain. Scotland's sweet singer, Bonar, sang thus: "I heard the voice of Jesus say, Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one!

Stoop down, and drink, and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream. My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him."

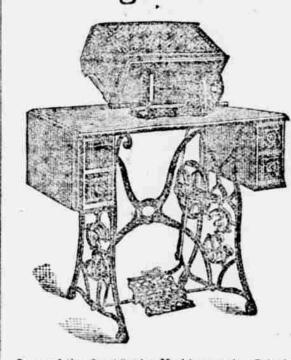
> A Great Rat Story. [Electrical Review.]

A rat while attempting to escape from human enemies in the electric light station in Reading, Pa., a few weeks ago, jumped directly to the floor on one of the brushes and was thrown back to the ground. He lay motionless, apparently and certainly dead, but without even a hair turned. One of the employes was sent tysburg battle, to which he replied that he had | fails to cure the worst case. Sold by all drug- | with a shovel to gather it up, but as soon as the shovel touched it the rat fell to dust with a little cloud of particles rising from the place Write for free 40-page pamphlet to R. K. where the body had seemingly lain. There was no vestige of hair, flesh or bones remaining. It was generally known, probably, that Prof. Comrades:-Send for my new illustrated Wood, of the Fuller Wood (American Electric) E. A. Armstrong. | Company, cremated a rat by electricity some Detroit, Mich. four years ago.

A Eish Story. [Boston Herald.]

That politeness and humanity are occasionally profitable is conclusively shown by an adventure which happened to little Bobby Harlow of Norfolk, Va., the other day. Bobby was crossing a footbridge over Pawtucket Creek, when a good-sized fish resembling a carp sprung out of the water and fell on the plank before with a woman at Jacob's well. This took place | the boy, who, in a spirit of compassion, picked in December of the year of our Lord 26. Shortly it up and gently restored it to its native ele-after his talk with Nicodemus, he heard of the ment. It seemed to Bobby that the fish nodded imprisonment of St. John Baptist. Then he de- its head to him before it swam away, but he was rather inclined to think it an illusion four provinces into which the Romans divided | until a few days later, when the carp again leaped out of the stream as he was passing over the bridge, and fell at his feet. He quickly by another route, and so have avoided Samaria, | replaced it in the water, and, as he did so, the fish dropped a glittering stone the size of a walnut from its mouth into his hand. Then it nodded to Bobby as before and swam off, while Sts. John, Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael. | the boy hurried home with the stone, which At lenth the party reach the city Sychar. Ves- proved to be a diamond of extraordinary value. Van Stan's Stratena will mend anything. Strenger than give. All druggists highly recommend it. Try it.

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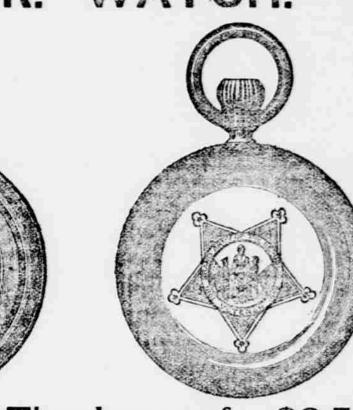
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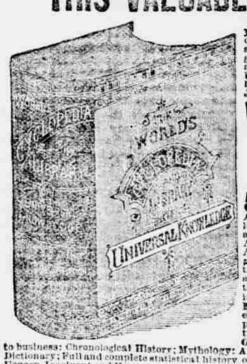
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